

# TRAINING IN REALTY MART BRISK AS WINTER ADVANCES

## SPLENDID CASINO BEING PROJECTED FOR WASHINGTON

Present Plans Are to Have Structure Built During Current Year.

Aim to Make It General Place of Amusement for All Classes.

Cost Will Not Be Below \$500,000 and New York and Boston Capital Is Interested.

Should plans, now being made, materialize, Washington will within a year have a place of entertainment and amusement on a scale more extensive than has ever been considered possible in this city and will vie in magnitude and completeness with the great amusement places of the large cities of the country.

In fact, in some respects it will surpass any of them as the plan is to combine under one great roof several different features that have heretofore been confined exclusively to one class of entertainment.

In general terms it will be designated as a casino, but the plan also provides a theater where the finest performances may be given on a stage of sufficient size to enable the rendering of great spectacular shows. A lecture room and music hall is also a part of the plan, and it is also thought a skating rink might be provided if the fashion for this class of amusement continues. A splendid cafe to be run in the most up-to-date manner would, it is believed, be a profitable feature of the enterprise, and a roof garden, fitted up in the manner of the most successful ones in this country, would add its pleasures to lovers of refined amusements.

The site selected represents an entire square in the northwest section of the city, on which an option has already been secured. The location is central, and being convenient to both the leading lines of street cars, would furnish direct and prompt communication with all parts of the city. The streets on which the building would face are wide, so that ample carriage accommodation would be had.

One of the peculiarities of the plan is that the four corners of the square would not be taken but the building would be placed in the interior of the square with entrances on each street, thus allowing the corners to be built up with fine stores, or remain in their present condition.

The project, which is being discussed by several prominent business men of the city, has already been referred to a firm of Baltimore architects who have made sketches showing the general outline of the plan and the possibilities of utilizing the ground space.

In the matter of financing the enterprise, it is stated that New York and Boston capital will be forthcoming, and it is expected that in a short time more definite announcements can be made. The amount required will be not less than \$500,000, and may even exceed that sum. The projectors of the enterprise feel confident that Washington will support a place of amusement of this class, and are going ahead with their plans.

## NEW ENGINE HOUSES FOR THE FIREMEN

The District appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year carries two provisions for additional fire engine houses, one to be located in Langdon, a chemical engine house and apparatus to cost \$20,000, and a truck house and apparatus to be located in the southwest section of the city, location to be determined upon, at a cost of \$20,000. The chemical engine house at Langdon has been favorably passed upon by both House and Senate, while the truck house in Southwest is favorably reported by the Senate by an amendment that will now go to conference with the House Committee.

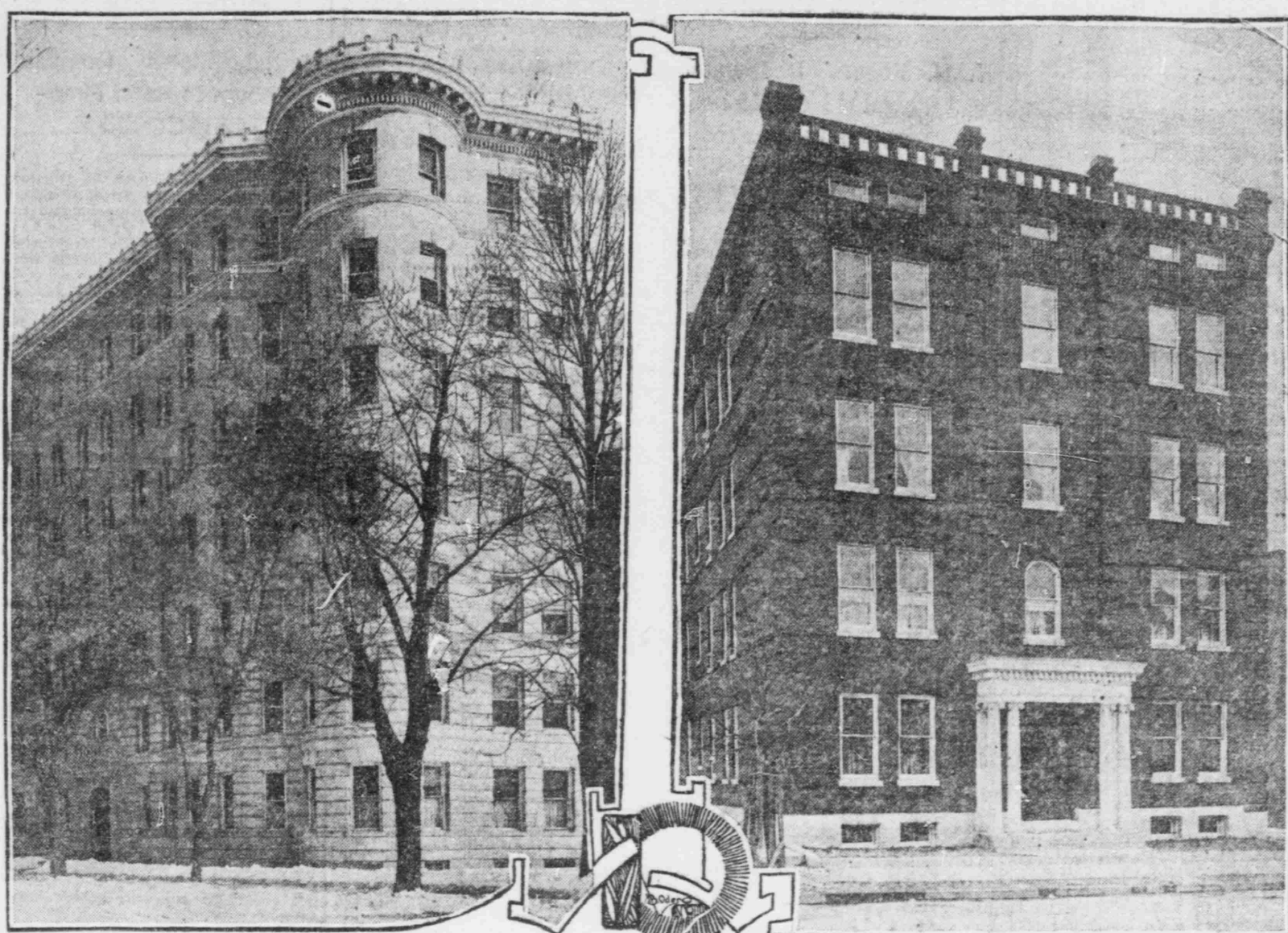
In last year's appropriation bill \$20,000 was set aside for a chemical engine house and apparatus to be located at some point at or near Benning, in the Hillbrook subdivision. The plans and specifications are about ready for the contractor, and the work of construction will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. The plans are being prepared in the office of Engineer Commissioner Biddle.



Randle Highlands is the same distance from the Capitol as Dupont Circle. The United States Realty Company broke all records in selling lots and villa sites in 1906, and expects to break its own record in 1907. Many purchasers made 100 per cent profit last year. Greater opportunities this year. Lots, \$75 to \$800, on small monthly payments. Send for plat and prices and free automobile to see property. Go out and see city spread.

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## APARTMENT HOUSES CONTINUE TO CATCH POPULAR FANCY, AND WASHINGTON NOW HAS MANY HANDSOME BUILDINGS



Three of Washington's Fine Apartment Houses. The One on the Left Is the Newberne, Twelfth Street and Massachusetts Avenue. On the Right Is the Seville, Eighteenth Street. Beneath It is the Sorrento, Eighteenth Street.

## Outside Capitalists Continue to Come Here to to Invest Their Money, and Have Faith in City.

The popularity of apartment houses continues unabated. Whether it be of the class requiring almost a prince's ransom to obtain even a temporary domicile or the less pretentious but none the less comfortable ones that are located in every section of the city and provide homes for that large class of our people for whom the neckie goddess fortune has bestowed but a modest share of her choicest favors, they continue to secure uninterrupted and gratifying support. In fact by many it has been designated as the ideal way of living, more particularly where the family is composed of adults entirely.

It is not, therefore, surprising that investors looking for a satisfactory and permanent source of revenue have turned their attention largely to the erection of this class of buildings and every available site is dotted with houses containing the homes of many of our best citizens situated under one roof.

In the illustrations, herewith, the buildings shown are of a kind whose popularity seems to increase with an early knowledge of their many excellencies and in the case of two of them have found ready purchasers but a short time after their completion.

### Newberne Sold for Handsome Figure.

The Newberne, located at the northeast corner of Twelfth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest, was recently sold by the owner, Bates Warren, at a price stated to be approximately \$145,000. This structure was completed about a year ago and by reason of its ideal location in the central portion of the residential district, within easy walking distance of the business section of the city, and convenient to three different car lines, became immediately popular.

The design, which was made by Hunter & Bell, is what might be called a composite Colonial, and reflects much credit upon the architects for their skill in planning the excellent arrangement of the rooms which owing to the irregular shape of the lot made a somewhat difficult task. The construction is of light brick with Indiana limestone trimmings and the building contains forty-two apartments of three, four, and five rooms each.

### Sorrento an Italian Structure.

While traveling in Italy, Architect B. Heaton became enamored of its architecture and on being commissioned by Mrs. M. A. Chandler to plan an apartment house designed the charming Sorrento—so-called from the Italian city of the name—at the corner of Eighteenth street and Kalorama avenue. The design is essentially Italian, having the beautiful sloping roof of tiling, so much a feature of the architecture of that country, and has been frequently spoken of as one of the purest types of the school in this city. On the occasion of a recent visit of Maisey Ives, the celebrated Chicago architect, who designed much of the work at the World's Fair in 1893, he spoke of it in the most complimentary manner. The house was built as an investment and is not known to be for sale.

### Eighteenth street above U street has become quite popular as a location for apartment houses and Thomas H. Pickford, who has done a great deal toward the building up of the city, selected the corner of Wyoming avenue and Eighteenth street as an excellent spot on which to build the Seville. The planning was entrusted to Architect William J. Simmons, who selected a style severely simple exteriorly, but possessed of every convenience and comfort that is desired to make a pleasant abiding place.

About a fortnight ago The Times reported the sale of this property to a syndicate of Western capitalists, who believe Washington a good place to invest their money.

### Apartment houses have surely come to stay and although all sorts of dire predictions have been made as to their early passing, builders find them profitable and investors continue to take them off their hands.

### TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE GOING UP AT ANACOSTIA

L. C. Herfurth will build a two-story frame dwelling at 614 High street, Anacostia, D. C., after plans prepared by Architect William F. Harper. The cost is placed at \$3,100, and the work of construction has been given to Bowersox & Harper, builders. This enterprise syndicate of the city is enjoying unusual prosperity, and the building movement is keeping pace with the activity on this side of the Eastern branch.

### BUILDING PERMIT, \$75,000 FOR CARNEGIE INSTITUTION

The largest building permit of the past week was issued to the Carnegie Institution, of Washington, for repairs amounting to \$75,000. While the location is not stated in the permit, it is presumed to be at the Geo-physical Laboratory, on Pierce's Mill road, now under construction.

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## BUTTS COMPANY MOVES INTO LARGE QUARTERS

The real estate firm of Frank G. Butts Company, Inc., of which Frank G. Butts is the president and treasurer, has moved into splendid commodious quarters on the first floor of the building 621 Thirteenth street northwest. The business of the firm has been on the steady increase, and the members are looking forward to an active spring in the real estate line. John E. Webb, recently with Casch & Birge, is now associated with the Frank G. Butts Company.

## PLAN APARTMENT HOUSES FOR SMALL RENT PAYERS

The Washington Sanitary Housing Company, of which Gen. George M. Sternberg is president, has made arrangements to build twenty two-story brick apartment houses for the working classes on M street, between South Capitol and Half streets. It is expected the contract will be awarded to Thomas H. Melton, and the work proceeded at once. This company has undertaken several enterprises of a similar character, and has found much encouragement in its efforts to provide houses of a superior kind, that can be rented at moderate figures.

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## REALTY FIRM TO IMPROVE NEWLY ACQUIRED PROPERTY

B. Stanley Simmons, architect, has been commissioned to prepare plans for remodeling 1306 G street northwest, which was recently purchased by Jordan & Bloomer, Inc., and is to be occupied by them as a real estate office. This purchase was the latest one made along that section of G street that has been so active of late, and for which they paid \$20,000. The price per foot was practically the highest that street has commanded.

## LOUVRE GLOVE COMPANY LEASES LARGE BUILDING

The store building 321 F street northwest, has been leased by the Louvre Glove Company, which will make extensive alterations and occupy the entire building. Architect B. Stanley Simmons, who is a tenant in the building, will prepare the plans. This property is owned by St. Patrick's Church and the lease bears the signature of Cardinal Gibbons.

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## FRENCH EMBASSY PLANS TO BUILD ON 16TH STREET

Active Inquiry for Property on Fashionable Boulevard Sends Prices Soaring.

Now that it is believed that the French Embassy has abandoned its proposed site on Kalorama Heights, and has definitely decided to occupy permanent quarters, which is to be built for its use on Sixteenth street, and from the further fact that this magnificent boulevard may shortly be designated by the more euphonious and impressive name of Washington avenue, the property owners along that street and others in the fashionable world have been much interested in the immediate future of their holdings. Real estate agents report that numbers of parties interested have consulted them with a view to securing locations, and in some instances, where property was listed, the price has been raised as much as \$1 per foot.

All that section lying between Scott Circle and the White House on Sixteenth street, which has lain dormant for years, has suddenly become much desired and corners especially, eligibly located, are impossible to procure. All four of the corners at Sixteenth and M streets are either built upon or will be improved in the near future, while those below at L street will soon be completed by the erection of a handsome home for Senator William Alden Smith, who has purchased the northwest corner. Among the recent improvements, the costly residence, with Italian gardens, nearly completed for A. O. Bliss, adjoining Senator Hale's home, is one of the show places of the city, and is said to have cost a very large sum.

A rumor to the effect that Mrs. Marshall Field contemplates the purchase of a large frontage on this street on which she would build a palatial home, is given color from the fact that for a time she resided at the elegant new apartment at Sixteenth and M street, and was understood to be favorably impressed with the great beauty of this thoroughfare. Residents of Chicago who come here refer to Sixteenth street as the Michigan avenue of Washington, while New Yorkers are equally given to compare it with their world known Fifth avenue.

Its great width of 160 feet, with the parking reservation of 40 feet on each side, makes it especially attractive, and now that the French Embassy has selected this avenue it is not at all unlikely that other embassies may locate there also.

The proposed park at the head of Sixteenth street or, as it may be known in future, Washington avenue, will make it the leading avenue in the city. For a time the question of titles was one of the stumbling blocks to the purchase of property along this street, but now it is stated they have all been straightened out and buyers are assured of the validity of their titles.

## BUILD AT PETWORTH EIGHTEEN NEW HOUSES

William J. Palmer, architect, has completed plans and specifications for eighteen two-story brick dwellings which the Washington Building Company proposes to erect at Petworth. Twelve of these houses will be built at Seventh and Upshur streets, while the remaining six will be erected on Brightwood avenue, between Shepley and Taylor streets. They will be furnished with all the conveniences provided for houses of that class, and have many little points of excellence which will be appreciated by housekeepers. Special attention will be paid to the quality of the construction, and it is stated that they will compare favorably with more pretentious ones.

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## GRIMM TO DESIGN APARTMENT HOUSE

N. R. Grimm, architect, has been commissioned by Lewis E. Breuninger to prepare plans for a new apartment house to be erected on the north side of Columbia road, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, Washington Heights.

The building will have a frontage of 42 feet by 100 feet in depth and will contain twenty-seven apartments. While the design is not entirely decided upon, it will probably be treated in the Colonial style, with balconies projecting in front to relieve the severe simplicity of that type. It will be constructed of red brick, with Indiana limestone trimmings, and will be fitted up with all the conveniences required in a modern apartment house. It is estimated the cost will approximate \$35,000.

The locality is a favored one for buildings of this character, a number of them being in the immediate vicinity. The plans are expected to be ready in a short time.

## HANDSOME RESIDENCE FOR G. W. W. HANGER

G. Wallace W. Hanger, chief clerk of the Bureau of Commerce and Labor, has commissioned Architect William J. Palmer to prepare plans for a handsome dwelling on Massachusetts avenue, near Sheridan circle, adjoining the residence of Henry Cabot Lodge, jr. The building will be four stories in height, designed on a semi-classical style, and will be one of conspicuous beauty, even among the several magnificent residences surrounding the circle. The construction will be of brick, with stone trimmings.

It is estimated the cost will approximate \$20,000. Work will begin as soon as estimates can be secured.

### TELLING TIME IN ITALY.

In Italy time is reckoned on the twenty-four hour system. Thus, 2 o'clock in the afternoon is there designated as 15 o'clock. Midnight is 24 o'clock. The good sense of this plan should commend its use by all enlightened nations.—The Travel Magazine.

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